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REFS: A. USNATO 5965; B. USNATO 5827

1. IN LIGHT OF CHANGING NATURE OF MULTILATERAL EXAMINATIONS AS DESCRIBED REF A WE SUGGEST MISSION PROCEED ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY PARA 3, REFTTEL B AND WE SHALL DEFER ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS UNLESS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR FULL UNDERSTANDING OF REPLY IN WASHINGTON.

2. IT APPEARS TO US THAT HUMPHREYS' INJUNCTION TO DRC TO  
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CONTINUE TO KEEP QUESTIONS AT A POLICY LEVEL ENHANCES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COUNTRY CHAPTER AS THE MEDIUM FOR THE

ANALYTICAL REVIEW OF NATIONAL PLANNING AND IN PARTICULAR OF NATIONAL ACTION ON BASIC ISSUES IMPROVEMENT AREAS. THE COUNTRY CHAPTER IS THE ONLY REPORT REMAINING WHICH SETS OUT IN DETAIL THE NATIONAL PLANNING AND INTENTIONS AS THEY AFFECT FORCE CAPABILITIES AND STATUS OF BASIC ISSUES. OTHER REPORTS DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS ONLY ON A REGIONAL BASIS. YOU MAY WISH TO REMIND HUMPHREYS PRIVATELY THAT WHILE WE WELCOME THE NATO INITIATIVE FOR POLICY DISCUSSIONS IN THE MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION PHASE WE ALSO WOULD WANT SOME IN-DEPTH EXPOSITION OF COUNTRY PLANS TO EMERGE AND CERTAINLY WE DO NOT EXPECT IT TO IMPAIR THE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL PLANS WE EXPECT TO SEE IN THE COUNTRY

CHAPTERS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS THAT COUNTRY CHAPTERS GIVE THE STATUS OF NATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS IN BASIC ISSUES AREAS.

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